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(*b*) how many meetings of the Committee were held in the year 1953–54; and

(*c*) what are the functions of that Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. A Board of Visitors has been constituted for the Karnataka Polytechnic, Mangalore, in May 1954.

" (*b*) As the constitution of the Board was ordered by Government only in May 1954, no meetings were held in the year 1953–54.

" (*c*) Its functions are as follows :—

(1) Visit to Polytechnics as many times as possible, at least once every month.

(2) Offer advice in regard to requirements of technical personnel for industrial development.

(3) Suggest possible improvements in training facilities.

(4) Assist as far as possible in the absorption of the trainees on completion of course either as apprentices or employees.

(5) Devise and initiate measures for arranging post-polytechnic training."

SRI N. N. SUVARNA :—" For how long has this committee been in existence and is there any prospect of any change in the personnel of the committee in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The committee has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from the 1st July 1954."

*Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the State.*

* 164 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many maternity and child welfare centres are now functioning in the State; and

(*b*) how many of them are in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 449, Sir.

" (*b*) 31, Sir."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether maternity centres will be opened under the National Extension Service schemes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Several maternity centres have been opened in the Community Project areas and it is open to the local authorities to open maternity centres at any place if their financial position permits it."